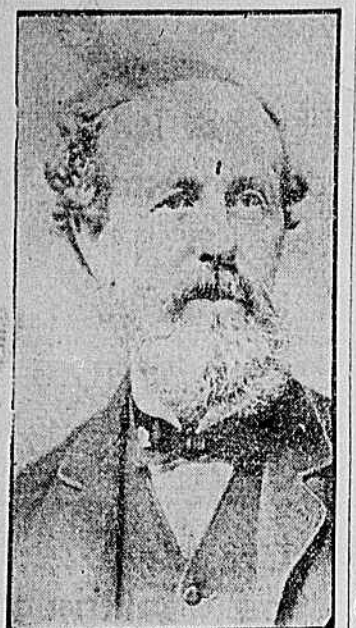


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While on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Christiana Byrie, of Toronto, Canada, Mr. Robert Whittet, Sr., of this city, died suddenly of heart failure yesterday morning, following a brisk walk after breakfast. He was seventy-nine years old. His eldest son, Mr. James Whittet, who accompanied him on the visit to Canada, will bring the remains to this city to-day for interment, and the funeral will take place at 4:30 P. M. on Friday from the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Whittet was the senior elder, and for many years the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Was Born in Scotland.

Born in Perth, Scotland, on January 22, 1829, Mr. Whittet was able to trace his ancestry by Scotch and French lines back to the fifteenth century, the family embracing a large connection both in Scotland and in this country, of which Mr. Whittet was the senior representative. Receiving his early education at the Stewart School for the sons of Burghesses in Perth, Mr. Whittet was entered as an apprentice in 1842, when but thirteen years of age, as a printer, later obtaining his first situation as a printer in Aberdeen.

After work in London and Edinburgh he went back to Perth in 1852 and opened an office of his own, where he lived until 1859, and there all of his children, except his youngest, Mrs. Forrester, were born. In that year Mr. Whittet and his family came to Virginia, sailing from Glasgow to New York, and proceeding directly to Hamsburg, where he purchased a large plantation, farming in Virginia in the early part of his life. He did not prove a profitable venture, and Mr. Whittet shortly after returned to his trade as a printer, moving his family to Richmond, where he since resided. Securing employment with the printing establishment conducted by the Presbyterian Church in connection with the distribution of Sabbath-school literature, he became the foreman of the office. Later, when financial difficulties caused the church to give up its printing venture, Mr. Whittet formed a partnership with the press foreman, Mr. Shepperson, under the title of W. Whittet & Shepperson, and bought out the church plant, and made a contract for the publication of the Sabbath-school literature. The firm has since continued to do a large amount of book and pamphlet work for the Presbyterian Church, South, as well as entering largely into general lines of printing. Mr. Whittet was also successful as well as management contributing to the success of the firm.

Published Many Poems.

Always a lover of literary tastes, Mr. Whittet published two volumes of poetry—the first in 1882, entitled "The Brighter Side of Suffering and Other Poems," being now out of print and quite rare. A later volume was "Sonnets on Scripture Themes and Other Poems," one of the poems embodied in this volume being an address to Queen Victoria from British subjects resident in Virginia on the occasion of the Jubilee in 1897.

Mr. Whittet is survived by eight children—Mrs. Maria Fraser and Mrs. H. W. Wood, of this city; James Whittet, president of the firm of Whittet & Shepperson; Mrs. Christiana Byrie, of Toronto, Canada; Robert Whittet, Jr., junior member of the printing firm and member of the Board of Aldermen, of Richmond; Thomas Whittet, of the firm of T. W. Wood & Sons; Harry G. Whittet, and Alex. M. Forrester. Mr. Whittet is also survived by his wife, who was Miss Jane Atchison, daughter of the late Thomas Atchison, of Inverness, Scotland.

Widely known throughout the city, Mr. Whittet was beloved by a large number of friends, to whom he had ever shown himself a genial and kindly

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MONROE, N. Y., August 26.—The trouble between Ferdinand Pinney Earle and his "soulmate" wife, Julia Kutner Earle, which landed the artist in jail on a charge of wife-beating, gave promise to-day of an early adjustment.

Both Earle and his wife are said to be desirous of a reconciliation, and it is not believed that Mrs. Earle will

consent to appear in court to press the charge on which her husband is held. Earle himself at first appeared to be opposed to any movement having for its object his release from jail, but he was said to be in a different mood to-day. He passed a sleepless night in the jail at Goshen, and was constantly watched by guards, who feared he would attempt to end his

life. To-day he broke down completely, wept and declared that he attempted to gain his wife's forgiveness. It was after news of Earle's change in demeanor that his wife expressed a willingness to overlook the treatment which resulted in her husband's arrest. The trouble between the couple arose because Earle had forbidden his wife to nurse their baby.

Age of seventy-two years. He was past master of Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons and member of Mt. Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His wife and C. Harry Yoho and Mrs. Green survive. His funeral will take place at 4 o'clock to-morrow at the residence, No. 11 Elizabeth J. Meek.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth J. Meek, eighty-five years old, died last night at her home at Bancroft, Alexandria county. Mrs. Meek was a native of Clermont county, O. The remains were shipped to-day to Afton, O., for interment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHILMARK, VA., August 26.—At Amelia, Va., August 26, of membranous croup, William Wirt Barnes, youngest son of W. W. Barnes and Eva Foster Barnes, aged two years and six months. Burial Thursday at 4 P. M.

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Seven Hundred Sturdy Fighters Are in Attendance at Harrisonburg.

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Over 700 delegates are here attending the twenty-second annual convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association. The town is beautifully decorated, and notwithstanding the downpour of rain, many country people are present. To-morrow and Friday will be the big days. The grand parade comes off to-morrow and the reel races Friday.

To-night there is a strong contest on for places for holding the next convention. Staunton, Roanoke, Covington and Alexandria being the contestants. The matter is now under debate, but it appears that Alexandria will get the next convention.

"Dick" Marshall, from Portsmouth, a former Congressman and a Civil War veteran, made the speech for the visiting firemen.

MECKLENBURG, N. C., NEGRO

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 26.—For the first time in many years a defendant was convicted in a case calling for capital punishment in Mecklenburg Superior Court this afternoon. The victim of the law's strong arm is Louis Boyd, a negro, who killed George Boyd, one of his own race, in a dispute over a baseball game in Hopewell township a few weeks ago. There were no witnesses to the murder. Fletcher claimed self-defense, but the evidence was against him. Fletcher will die on the gallows, but the date of the execution has not been fixed.

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"In our platform we declared that the overshadowing issue was, 'Shall the people rule?'"

"Mr. Taft says that they do rule. That is a question about which there is a difference of opinion. All who think they do rule to-day will differ from me, all who think they do not rule will differ from Mr. Taft. Mr. Sherman said that the people do rule. He ought to know better, for he has been one of the fellows who have kept them from ruling. In the house of Representatives he has been one of the men responsible for the thwarting of the will of the people. I lay down the proposition that the American people do not rule. They do not conduct their own government, and a government conducted by others is not responsive to the will of the people. Now, if I am right, Mr. Taft is wrong, and Mr. Sherman is wrong. When they say that the people do rule they admit that the people ought to rule, and if they admit that the people ought to rule, if I can convince the country that the people do not rule, then we are entitled to a verdict at this election, and I am willing to meet the issue."

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